GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:26
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2002
NATIONAL EDUCATION SCHEME
AKHILESH SINGH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the children deprived of education had staged a demonstration in front of Parliament in the month of April and submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the details of the demands raised in the Memorandum; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government on such demands so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.26 FOR 16.7.2002 ASKED BY SHRI KUNWAR AKHILESH SINGH REGARDING NATIONAL EDUCATION SCHEME.

(a) & (b): According to the information available with the Ministry, no such memorandum has been submitted to the Prime Minister. However, a memorandum dated 8.5.2002, addressed to the Prime Minister by the PEACE TRUST, Tamil Nadu Unit, was received by the Prime Minister Office by post and was forwarded to this Department for appropriate action. This memorandum requests the Government to prepare a time bound National Education Plan covering all children.

(c) : Government of India has launched Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA),a national programme for universalization of elementary education. Under this programme, the Government aims at providing eight years of quality education to all children in the age-group 6-14 by the year 2010. In the year 2001-2002, District Elementary Education Plans of 512 districts for a total outlay of Rs. 1106 crores were approved by the Government under this Programme. The issue raised in the memorandum is being targeted by SSA. Under the 10th Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs.28,750 crores has been provided by the Planning Commission for universalisationof elementary education.